(a) whether the Government of Assam has sent any proposal to the Union Government regarding the construction of fly over-bridge at Porgalasthan near Bongaigaon railway crossing on North Frontier Railway; and

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARNJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for the work is in planning stage. The State Government has not yet indicated their final decision in respect of location of the bridge.

Clearance of Oral Polio and Encephalities Vaccines

2974. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an oral polio vaccine and a Japanese encephalities vaccine developed indigenously by the Central Research Institute, Kasauli has been awaiting central clearance;

(b) if so, when was it submitted; and

(c) the time by which these vaccines are likely to be cleared for use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). No oral polio vaccine has been developed indigenously by Central research Institute, Kasauli. Japanese Encephalities vaccine is however, being regularly produced in Central Research Institute, Kasauli since 1987-88.

[*Translation*]

Units Manufacturing Blood Products

2975. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given on August 12, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 2709 regarding units manufacturing blood products and state:

(a) whether the requisite information has been collected; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes.

(b) Units which are manufacturing blood products have effective screening facilities against AIDS infection. Government has already issued detailed guidelines which are required to be followed by the manufacturers to ensure that the blood products are free from AIDS infection.

[*English*]

Medical Facilities in Karnataka

2976. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have requested for assistance to modernise existing Government hospitals in the State and also for setting up of new specialised ones in Humnabad, Bidar and Hubar in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI